

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD
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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS	24	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	24 minus 20=	* 4
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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Independent	* 6	Minus	*** 3	= 3
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>				

SMALL ENTITY
TYPE OTHER THAN
OR SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
BASIC FEE	375.00	OR BASIC FEE	750.00
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
TOTAL		OR TOTAL	

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY OR SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
TOTAL ADDT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDT. FEE	

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
TOTAL ADDT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>				

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
TOTAL ADDT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDT. FEE	

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Application No.: 10/612,634

Confirmation No.: 3656

Filed: July 2, 2003

Art Unit: 3751

For: POST VALVE HAVING A ONE PIECE
VALVE BODY

Examiner: J. C. Jacyna

AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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The remaining claims 1-3, 7, 9, 11-13, 17 and 19, are directed to a high pressure post-valve formed from circular metal bar stock and include post-valve claims 1-3, 7 and 9 as well as the method of forming the post-valve from circular metal bar stock - claims 11-13, 17 and 19.

In accordance with this embodiment of the invention, as described in paragraph [0005] of the specification "The manufacturing process includes starting with round metal bar stock, which is less expensive than the square or rectangular bar stock now used to machine the valve bodies, and cutting or etching away the outer diameter of the round metal stock to create the square or rectangular portions of the valve body. The seat ring is turned or left to be circular." This feature was discussed at the interview of February 9, 2005, and a review of the prior art of record has shown that none of the prior art discloses the manufacture of a high pressure post-valve starting with circular metal bar stock.

It is submitted that applicant is unaware of any high pressure post-valve being manufactured in the claimed manner and submits that a further review of the prior art will not uncover the claimed manufacturing process. It is submitted, therefore, in view of the advantages disclosed at paragraph [0005] of applicant's specification, the remaining claims 1-3, 7, 9, 11-13, 17 and 19 are allowable.

It is submitted that all claims are now of proper form and scope for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Dated: February 16, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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